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on wiry stems.

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prefer light, loamy soil enriched with leaf mold or peat and like full sun. They are hardy in the South. In the North treat as Gladioli dur-

ing the winter. Our mixture comes in the following colors. Salmon, Rose, Yellow, Scarlet and Orange.

Mixed only, 6 for 65c; \$1.20 per doz.; \$10.00 per 100



TIGRIDIA (Mexican Shell Flower)

These unique, but little known flowers come from the ancient gardens of Mexico. Flowering in midsummer, the three outer petals form a triangular pattern which is repeated in the arrangement of the three smaller center petals. These center petals are curiously spotted, from which the name Tigridia (Tiger flower) derives. Although the individual flower lasts only one day, plants are free blooming and lend a dominant color note to your garden for many weeks. Plants attain a height of 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet, with short, sabre-like foliage and may be used as cut flowers if the stems are seared immediately after cutting. Bulbs should be planted 4 inches deep in the spring when the soil is thoroughly warm. They prefer rich soil and full sun. In late autumn the bulbs must be dug, dried, and stored in a cool, dry place for the winter. Varied shades of brilliant orange, scarlet, yellow, pink, white and lilac, blotched and spotted with shades of \$1.75 per doz.; \$12.00 per 100 crimson and maroon.



# ISMENE CALATHINA

(Peruvian Daffodil)

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This summer blooming member of the Amaryllis family will bring pleasure to every gardener. It blooms very soon after planting and produces clusters of striking, pearly white flowers, which are borne on proud, straight stems. The curious Lily-like flowers look as if an ambitious grower had tried to improve on nature and snipped the edges in perfect symmetry. Besides its qualities of beauty and easy growing performance, this flower also has a lovely sweet fragrance and makes an attractive cut flower which keeps well for a long time, guarding its lovely fragrance to the last.

Large bulbs, each 65c; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.50 per doz.

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attractive green foliage which grows from early spring until July, when it ripens and disappears. About a month later, as if by magic, the flower stalks spring from the ground to a height of 2 to 3 feet, developing an umbel of large, Lily-shaped flowers, 8 to 12 in number, of a delicate lilacpink shade. The bulb is

perfectly hardy. In planting cover crown about 4 inches with soil. Shipped in August.

Each 60c; 3 for \$1.75; \$6.00 per doz.

# Climbing Lily (GLORIOSA ROTHSCHILDIANA)

Squamigera

A splendid low climber, easy to grow in the garden; it does well in sheltered spots out-of-doors. Grows 5 to 6 feet high, producing gorgeous Lily-like flowers which open to a bright yellow and red, but change to a deep scarlet. In bloom through the summer and autumn months. Most unusual and rare garden bulb. Store tubers like Gladioli during winter; may be used season after season.

Each \$1.65; 3 for \$4.50

Canna



Climbing Lily (Gloriosa Rothschildiana)

# CANNAS for Summer Beds

Cannas are invaluable for a really lovely show in your garden. The brilliant shades of the blooms together with the big-scale foliage in varying shades of green and bronze provide a truly exotic effect. The roots are best started early, as Cannas thrive best in the midsummer heat. In dry periods water them freely. Store during the winter as Dahljas.

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	3	Doz.
CITY OF PORTLAND. Rosy pink, luxuriant		
growth with compact green foliage. Height 31/2		
feet	\$0.75	\$2.50
KING HUMBERT. Orange-scarlet flowers with		
contrasting brown-bronze foliage. Height 41/2		
feet	.75	2.50
THE PRESIDENT. Enormous scarlet flowers,		
green foliage. Height 4 feet	.75	2.50
WYOMING. Lovely orange flowers with bronze		
foliage. Height 3½ feet	.75	2.50
YELLOW KING HUMBERT. Yellow flowers with		
heavily marked crimson dots. Hight 41/2 feet.	.75	2.50
COLLECTION OF CANNAS		
1 each of 5 (5 unlabeled)		
3 each of 5 (15 laheled)		. 3.25
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# NEW FRAGRANT GLADIOLI - MURIELAE

(Abyssinian Gladiolus)

Although not a true Glad, this novelty resembles them very closely and should be handled in the same manner. The white, Orchid-like flowers, with purple blotch, have a distinctly sweet fragrance. Easily grown, it produces bulblets like the Gladiolus and is a good propagator for your garden. Blooms in August.

New!

6 for \$1.50; \$2.95 per doz.; \$22.00 per 100

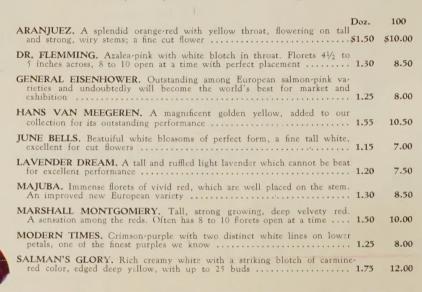


Acidanthera Bicolor Murielae

**GLADIOLUS** 

Imported from the Netherlands

(Considered by many to be the best European varieties.)



# NEW EUROPEAN GLADIOLUS COLLECTION 3 each of 10 varieties, labeled \$ 3.75 6 each of 10 varieties, labeled 6.75 12 each of 10 varieties, labeled 12.95

#### SUPERIOR AMERICAN GLADIOLUS

BLUE BEAUTY. A true light blue, petals are edged with darker blue	Joz.	100
tones. An excellent exhibition variety	1.15	\$7.00
ELIZABETH THE QUEEN. Large ruflled flowers of clear mauve. 7 to 8 open at a time	1.15	7.00
GOLDEN FAVORITE. An outstanding golden yellow of great merit	1.00	6.00
HARRY HOPKINS. Beautiful Bordeaux wine-red with slight purple glow. The 6-inch florets are of heavy texture and perfectly placed	1.15	7.00
LADY JANE. Delicate cream colors	1.00	6.00
MAID OF ORLEANS. An excellent pure white with a cream throat. Makes a fine cut flower	1.05	6.50
MONSOER. Deep maroon red, beautifully formed florets of a unique leathery texture. 8 or more blossems open at the same time	1.15	7.00
PINKIE. A true pink flower with a darker blotch appearing on each petal. A real favorite	1.00	6.00
ROSA VON LIMA. True Apple-blossom-pink with a large blotch of white at the throat	1.00	6.00
TIVOLI. Soft rose color. Large, wide open florets, 8 to 10 open at a time.	1.00	6.00

#### COLLECTION OF AMERICAN GLADIOLUS

Above 10 varieties, separately labe!ed.

3 of each ( 30 bulbs) \$2.75
6 of each ( 60 bulbs) 4.75
12 of each (120 bulbs) 8.75
MIXTURE OF ALL COLORS: \$1.00 per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

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Tuberose

# **TUBEROSES**

Double Pearl

Delightfully fragrant and beautiful. For best results plant six or more in one bed. 6 for \$1.20; \$2.25 per doz.



Our 1952 full color, illustrated bulb catalog, listing Tulips, Daffodils and other bulbs for fall planting, will be ready for distribution in May, and will be sent to all our customers and friends who receive a copy of this plant list.

# Hemerocallis

(Daylilies)

Adaptable to hot and cold climates and to any soil, this flower is unaffected by insects or diseases and grows stronger and more beautiful through the years.

HYPERION. Large, waxy, soft canary-yellow. A superior Daylily. 3 for \$1.75

GYPSY. Prolific, deep orange with reddish undercoat. 3 for \$1.50

ANNA BETSCHER. Deep orange shaded reddish bronze. 3 for \$1.50

#### **TUBEROUS BEGONIAS**

(Imported From Belgium)

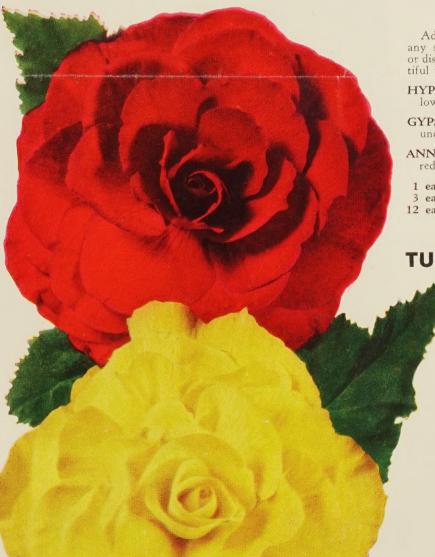
These gorgeous summer flowering bulbs produce brilliant flowers which are carried well above the abundant foliage. They thrive superbly well in moist soil in shady spots. Bulbs may be started indoors in pots in March or April and transplanted outdoors from mid-June on, or earlier, providing the soil is warm. Bulbs should be planted about 2 inches deep. Lovely delicate shades, as well as brilliant colors, as follows:

#### HUGE DOUBLE VARIETIES

Copper, Pink, Red, Salmon, Scarlet, White, Yellow.

Your choice, \$2.00 per doz.; \$3.75 for 25; \$13.00 per 100.

ALL COLORS MIXED, \$1.00 per six; \$1.75 per doz.; \$12.50 per 100.







#### POPULAR NEW ENGLISH

Chrysanthemums

For huge blooms we advise these New English Mums

ALABASTER. A very early white of large size. This gleaming beauty roon-red. Blooms 6 inches wide i disbudded. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35 \$4.50 per doz DR. GEORGE BARNES. Produce peach, shaded cream with gold points. 50c each, 3 for \$1.35 \$4.50 per doz JEAN HARLOW. Bright gold

MRS. E. PATTIE. The earliest of these Mums, a summer bloomer, flowers terra-cotta-red with golden reverse with broad, incurving petals.

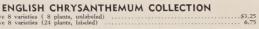
REVELLER. Heavy bloomer and very showy variety of India-red cach; 3 for \$1.35; \$4.50 per doz.

ROSE PRINCESS. Delicate pink with silvery reverse, slightly incurving flowers.

30c each; 3 for \$1.35; \$4.50 per doz.

ZENITH. Solid purple, different from all others. If properly disbudded makes a lovely exhibition variety.

30c each; 3 for \$1.35; \$4.50 per doz.



#### **CUSHION MUMS**

CAIL Early Bloomers)

(All Early Bloomers)

This prolific, improved strain of low growing Mums form mounds of colorful blooms. Plants grow about a foot high and spread 2 feet or more. They start blooming early and are in full bloom in September, continuing until frost, Hardy with a little straw protection. Sometimes they are called "Million-Mums" being covered with hundreds of blooms.

BRONZE CUSHION. This variety holds its color much better than the old variety but blooms just as freely. Warm, rich golden bronze.

ORANGE CUSHION, New. Nicely proportioned plant covered with a profusion of brilliant orange blossoms.

ORANGE CUSHION, Colorful mounds of light pink flowers, which are produced by the hundreds. 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.

RED CUSHION, Perfectly formed plant which makes a mound 18 inches high and 3 feet in diameter, covered with a blaze of bright red flowers.

YELLOW CUSHION. Blooms, long lasting.

YELLOW CUSHION, long flowers, long lasting.

3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.

low, producing countless blooms, long lasting.

3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.

WHITE CUSHION. While opening as a delicate pink, the flowers turn pure white as they develop. Very free blooming. 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.



60c each; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz.
MAJESTIC. Giant single blossoms showing golden

MOUNT SHASTA. An ideal plant, grand for cut-

SHASTA DAISY		
COLLECT		
1 each of above listed va 3 plants, unlabeled		

4.25



Chrysanthemums

Yellow Cushion Mun

# CUSHION MUM

	each of above 6 varieties,
3	6 plants (unlabeled) \$ 2.15 each of above 6 varieties,
	18 plants (labeled) 5.75 each of above 6 varieties.
	36 plants (labeled) 11.25



#### **POMPON "BUTTON" MUMS**

Pompon type. Color is cl golden yellow. Early Septe ber blooming. 35c ea

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ber blooming. 35c each;
3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.

ROSITA (Little Rose). Tight,
fully double blossoms 1 to
11/4 inch in diameter, of
light persian-rose. Open
sprays of 5 to 10 flowers
on long stems. Bush is
large and spreading, with good foliage. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; \$5.00 per doz.

RUBY POMPON. A profusely blooming, ruby-crimson Button Mum, showy
and brilliant. Full flower in early October.

40c each; 3 for \$1.10; \$4.00 per doz.

SEPTEMBER BRONZE. Mingling bronze shades cover this plant from mid-September until killing frost. 35c each; 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.

POMPON	"BUTTON"	MUM COLLECTION
ach of above 5 var	rieties, 15 plants	(unlabeled)       \$1.75         (labeled)       4.90         (labeled)       9.50

NELIS CHRYSANTHEMUM SPECIAL

#### HARDY GARDEN LILIES

LILIUM AURATUM ("Gold Band Lily"). One of the finest Lilies known. The large, graceful, very fragrant flowers of ivory-white are thickly studded with chocolate-crimson dots and each petal has a golden stripe through the center. Size of each bulb 8 to 9 inches in circumference. Immediate shipment.

70c each; 3 for \$2.00; \$7.50 per doz.

a golden stripe through the center. Size of each bulb shipment.

LILIUM CANDIDUM ("Madonna Lily"). Also known as June Lily. This is the earliest outdoor garden Lily and one of the oldest, loveliest and best known varieties. You have often admired it, with its rich perfume and snow-white flowers, from 3 to 15 on a stem. It is very hardy and will thrive in any light garden soil, with plenty of light and air. Shipment will be made in August.

Large bulbs, 60c each; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz. Medium bulbs, 45c each; 3 for \$1.20; \$4.00 per doz. LILIUM, ORANGE TRIUMPH. A startling introduction of really brilliant orange in the Umbellatum class, which has created a remarkable enthusiasm in the Netherlands. Height 3½ feet with erect flowers. An outstanding Lily of a strikingly brilliant color. Immediate shipment.

3 for \$1.25; \$4.50 per doz. LILIUM RUBRUM. Rich ruby-carmine on white, stout of substance, with broad petals. This variety stands out prominently because of its vigorous performance in growth as well as size and depth of coloring. A real beauty, outstanding and different. Blooms in August. Bulbs 8 to 9 inches in circumference. Immediate shipment.

60c each; 3 for \$1.75; \$6.75 per doz. LILIUM RUBRUM MAXIMOWICZI. Large flowers of orange-red which are spotted purple and brown,

60c each; 3 for \$1.75; \$0.75 per doc.

LILIUM RUBRUM MAXIMOWICZI. Large flowers
of orange-red which are spotted purple and brown,
growing to a height of 4 to 5 feet. Japanese type
Lily. Stem-rooting; plant 6 to 7 inches deep. Immediate shipment. 3 for 90c; \$3.25 per doz.



#### VIOLETS

NEW ROYAL ROBE. A most florif-erous Violet, which makes a beauti-ful globular shaped plant, about 10 to 12 inches high. The dainty flow-ers show very prominently on top of the foliage, and are of a lustrous shade of deepest violet-blue. Large, moderately fragrant, on 12-inch stems. The most outstanding new violet

violet.
Each 45c; 3 for \$1.30; \$4.50 per doz.
7HITE WONDER. An unusually lovely new white Violet. Blossoms are pure white with the center of the flower faintly marked with veins of pink and blue. Delicately beautiful and fragrant. 45c each; 3 for \$1.30; \$4.50 per doz.

**NEW MODERN IRIS** 

Giant Bearded Garden Varieties

FRANK ADAMS. A vigorous, flamboyant blend of fawn, tan and pink ... \$0.60 \$1.65 \$GOLDEN HIND. The brightest and richest golden yellow imaginable ... 50 1.35 \$GREAT LAKES. Large flowers of clearest blue. One of the highest rated firs ... JAKE. One of the finest pure whites. Tall, stately and delightfully fragrant

MME. L. AUREAU. Large silvery white flowers which are heavily marbled and peppered with heliotrope ... 

GRLOFF. Yellow flowers which are sprinkled with cinnamon. Very free bloomer ... \$0.50 \$1.35 \$PINK OPAL A bright lavendeenink

MODERN IRIS COLLECTION

### **AUTUMN FLOWERING** (Flowering two or more times end both spring and fall).

AUTUMN HAZE, 30 inches, Light lavender-violet standards with falls of hyssop-violet, Giant fall bloomer with a new yighet fragmans.

color, dependable bloomer ... .55 3.50
GLAD SONG, Yellow ground, veined delicately tan and brown ... .50 4.50
SEPTEMBER SKIES. Purple-red self, Rapid multiplier 

AUTUMN FLOWERING IRIS COLLECTION

l each of 5 varieties, 5 plants, (labeled) \$1.95 each of 5 varieties, 15 plants, (labeled) ...5.65 each of 5 varieties, 30 plants, (labeled) ...10.75





NELIS NURSERIES, Inc.



A. D. LIVONI. A pure pink, everybody

loves it.

LITTLE BUDDY. A fine yellow, produc-LITTLE RED BIRD. Flowers have an unusual solid green center, surrounded by banks of red petals.

WHITE FAWN. Waxy white, 3-inch blooms. One of the best cut flowers.

#### DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 2 \$3.00

(Huge Prize Dahlias)
KEMP'S WHITE WONDER. The MRS. GEORGE LE BOUTILIER. A huge,

carmine-red, a he man's flower,
ROSE GLORY. Outstanding pure deep rose-pink.
THE COMMODORE. Extremely large, clear yellow. A
great favorite. Flowers 12 inches or more across.



CALIFORNIA IDOL. Huge, long stemmed, pure

CHAUTAUQUA GIANT. A true giant, perfect-ly shaped orange. Try floating this one in a

BLUE MOON. A huge lavender, petals striped

WHITE CHRISTMAS. Very new. Wonderful waxy white blooms 10 inches across.



Pompon Dahlias

# Free

With Every \$5.00 Dahlia Order

ONE ALL-AMERICAN, Color mul-berry-rose, suffused salmon with wax-yellow at base of petals. The petals twist somewhat and point in all direc-tions. Bushes are 6 feet high and cover-ed with immense blooms on straight stems. An outstanding Dahlia. (Not sold alone).

# **Buddleia** (Butterfly Bush)

For summer blooming and continued blossoms through early fall, Butterfly ashes are unsurpassed, either for show in the garden or for use as cut flowers. 3

SPECIAL: Our choice, all varieties mixed, \$3.50 per doz.

Holland, Mich.



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